

REALTY TRADE BRISK HOLIDAY SEASON

Usual Christmas Depression
Absent, According to the
Dealers' Reports.

REAL ESTATE MEN EXPECT RECORD YEAR

Predicted That Sales of Last
Twelve Months Will Surpass
Any Previous Year.

Notwithstanding Christmas week and the week preceding it generally are the two dullest of the year in the real estate market, transactions since Monday have constituted an exception to at least half of the rule.

With two of the largest deals of the year to the credit, this week easily is one of the best weeks immediately preceding Christmas ever experienced in the local market.

Interest is now centering in the outlook for the Christmas week trade. If there is no letup in the demand for property, of which there were no indications at the close of business today, it will be the most remarkable Christmas realty market Washington has ever known.

Premier Deals.

The premier deals of the week consisted of the transfer of an uptown piece of business property, valued at \$70,000, and the sale of a suburban tract, containing 110.18 acres, the consideration involved being \$100,000. In the former transaction, the property transferred is the building located at 1406 H street, while the suburban tract is located just north of Rock Creek, and west of Sixteenth street.

These sales were announced on Monday, and with a total consideration of \$170,000 as an "opener" for the week, subsequent deals rapidly increased the amount, until it reached several hundred thousands of dollars.

Apartment houses and residences fell into line with the activity in business property and unimproved suburban ground, so that no class of property was slighted in the week's operations.

One firm announced that it had concluded the sale of a row of six houses on Thirtieth street northwest, the total consideration amounting to \$50,000.

Another firm reported the sale of the Chester apartment house at 420 Second street northeast, for a consideration said to have been \$14,000. This same firm last week sold the Mt. Pleasant apartment house, located at 3157 Mt. Pleasant street, for Bates Warren, to James W. French, the consideration, it is said, being \$75,000.

Moderate-Price House.

Demand for property in every section of the city was recorded, but, as usual, the moderate-priced house came off with the biggest end of it. This was because of the good weather, principally, say dealers, as home-seekers are still in the market, in addition to a large number of persons who are on the lookout for desirable houses to rent, which maintains the activity of the speculative demand.

It will be late in January before the majority of the realty firms have gone over their records for the past twelve months, in order to compare them with the business transacted in previous years. However, the majority of the local real estate men are claiming already that their record of sales will show a heavy increase over the year.

All things considered, there is little doubt but that when the statistics are finally computed, both with respect to the amount of buildings started and completed, and the volume of business of every class, the year now closing will be found to have been the biggest year in the real estate history of the Capital.

**ATTITUDE CHANGED
TOWARD DR. COOK**

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 8.—A decision against Dr. Frederick A. Cook's Pole discovery claims by the Danish senate was forwarded today in a preliminary report made to the University of Copenhagen council by the committee regarding the first stages of its investigation.

It is authoritatively stated that the committee has found the data examined insufficient to support Dr. Cook's discovery claim.

The consideration of the committee's report by the council lasted four hours, and was closed to the public. It is said the discussion developed a decided change in the attitude of the committee members, who heretofore have been strong in their support of the doctor.

A verdict by the committee is not expected before the latter part of next week, though the committee will probably have made up its mind long before this time.

LAYMAN TO REPORT RESULT OF CANVASS

The laymen of all Protestant churches were invited today to attend the meeting to be held in the First Congregational Church at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon when the denominational chairman of the laymen's missionary movement will report the results of their canvasses in various churches since the beginning of the year.

The amount to be raised during the next year for missions by the churches of the District was set at the convention as \$100,000, and the chairman are expected to report tomorrow the total amount which can be raised during 1910.

The mass meeting will be presided over by Commissioner H. B. F. Macfarland, chairman of the Executive committee of the laymen's missionary movement, and the Right Rev. Bishop Alfred Harding will conduct the devotional exercises.

Following pastors will discuss "The Effect of the Convention": Rev. S. H. Woodrow, of the First Congregational Church; Rev. S. H. Greene, of the Calvary Baptist Church; Rev. Randolph H. McKim, of the Church of the Epiphany; Rev. C. E. Guthrie, of the Hamline Methodist Church; and Rev. Charles Wood, of the Church of the Covenant.

SITE OF PROTECTED BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS



Showing Tract Where 95 Houses Are to Be Built Within Year. Houses in Picture Fronts on Buchanan Street. Fourteenth Is Next Street East. Half of Houses, Now Half Completed, Are Sold.

SELLERS OF RED CROSS STAMPS CALL OFF CAMPAIGN IN CAPITOL

Unable to Get Satisfaction
From Speaker, Sale Is
Held in Offices.



The merry war between the watchmen forces of the U. S. Capitol and the Red Cross stamp sellers was called off today in order to give the young woman who is in charge of the invading forces a rest.

Yesterday the campaign was carried to the superintendent of the Capitol building, and right into Speaker Cannon's office, where the Speaker is said to have made the unusual admission that he did not have anything to do with the Capitol building. From there the young woman took refuge in the Senate office building and disposed of 1,000 stamps while the chasers were on her trail.

The mix-up in the Capitol was started when a Red Cross agent began selling stamps in the rotunda. It was discovered that the permit was not for the Senate office building that was not generally known. But rotundas, like rabbits, seemed to multiply rapidly.

Baroness Vaughan leaves for Paris.

Pressure Brought to Bear
To Prevent Her Attending
Funeral of Leopold.

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those who are now in authority in the Congo and supplant them with officials who will put an end to the misrule that for so long a time was credited to Leopold.

CHANGE OF POLICY AWAITED IN CONGO

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—In church circles interested in the conduct and support of foreign missions, particularly in the African Congo district, it is today asserted that the death of King Leopold marks the beginning of revolution in the government of Congo Free State and the end of the atrocities charged to the dead monarch.

Rev. Dr. A. Woodruff Halsey, secretary of the Presbyterian board on foreign missions, who has traveled extensively through Belgium's African provinces and who is an authority on the alleged misrule of King Leopold said:

"My respect for death cannot still my voice in speaking the truth about the man. Not half has been told of the uncivilized atrocities of Leopold in the Congo Free State. But we hope that his death has ended all this and that the powers of the world, particularly the people of Belgium, will permit the tragedy of the poor natives to be re-enacted."

"At the same time, one cannot withhold admiration for a ruler who lived so hard for seventy-four years who compelled them to keep their hands off the Congo, who saw the possibility of a Belgian empire in Africa, and who, in this latter connection, he might be called a captain of industry."

"I believe, too, that King Leopold will be the last European monarch to inaugurate himself in so many ways without calling down on himself the hatred of his people. It is remarkable that the Belgians should overlook his personal life, and can only be explained on the grounds of respect of the institution of monarchy."

BARONESS WITHOUT ANY CIVIL RIGHTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Commenting on the rights of the children of the late King Leopold, of Belgium, by the Baroness Vaughan, an eminent authority upon international law today said:

"King Leopold is supposed to have married the Baroness Vaughan in a religious, not a civil ceremony. She held what is known in Europe as the position of a non-recognized wife, which gives her rights from the religious viewpoint, but not under the civil law."

"Under such a situation the children would be recognized as the lawful offspring of King Leopold, but since there was no civil ceremony they could enforce no rights under the civil law."

HURTS EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 18.—The State law enacted at the last legislative session fixing an eight hour work day for telegraphers has been held invalid in a decision by the court of civil appeals. The court holds that the State law conflicts with the Federal statute which provides a nine-hour day for dispatchers. The opinion was handed down by Judge H. C. G. of Trinity county, in deciding a suit against the Texas and New Orleans railroad.

Record-Breaking Disposition of the Stickers Is Now Reported.

to the count this morning at District headquarters. The salesmen at Kan's, Dulin & Martin's, and at the Postoffice sent around early for new supplies, while Woodward & Lothrop's stand sustained a sudden run and had to borrow from the Y. M. C. A. because they could not reach the headquarters in time.

A new supply was ordered today by Dr. Walter R. Hill, a Georgetown druggist.

The American Ice Company, which was to put the "stickers" on all its blocks of ice, decided by experiments that the "stickers" would not stick, so they affixed them to all bills and have purchased a large block for that purpose.

One young woman stationed at Dulin & Martin's has made sales of more than 4,000 stamps within a few days.

Though no reports of stamps placed on sale in the high schools yesterday have yet been received it is understood that the sales are brisk.

DEFERS SENTENCES IN THE SUGAR TRIAL

Four Former Checkers Are
Released on Bonds Until
January 8.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The sentencing of the five former employees of the American Sugar Refining Company, convicted yesterday of conspiracy to defraud the Government in connection with the weighing of sugar imported by the trust, was deferred today by Judge Martin in the Federal Court until January 8.

Meanwhile the attorneys for the men will file motions for a new trial.

It had been expected by the men they would be sentenced today, inasmuch as Judge Martin had announced he would return to New England tonight, but counsel for the men conferred with Prosecutor Stimson, and it was the latter that suggested to the court that the sentencing could go over until after New Year.

The four checkers were released on bail of \$25,000 each and Oliver Spitzer's bail was increased to \$100,000.

Judge Martin announced, in deferring sentence, that he would take into consideration, in sentencing the men the recommendation of the jury to mercy.

The convicted men, with their counsel, and former Cashier Bendernagel, regarding whose guilt the jury could not agree, were in court early, prepared to face the sentence imposed should the efforts of their counsel for a new trial fail.

They are: Oliver Spitzer, many years superintendent of the docks of the Havemeyer & Elder refinery, at Williamsburg, Brooklyn; Edward A. Coyte, Patrick Hennessy, Thomas Kehoe, and Thomas F. Doyle, the latter charged with the men who were alleged to have manipulated the steel springs used in the weighing process and short-weighted the Government.

For this work they received not in excess of \$4 a week as a bonus.

WALSH ASKS COURT TO REVIEW DECISION

A petition asking for a review of the decision of the circuit court of appeal of Chicago on October 5, which adjudged John R. Walsh, the aged millionaire banker of that city, guilty of swindling three banks, was today filed in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Walsh was convicted on fifty-four counts of bank wrecking by the circuit court, it being alleged that the Chicago National Bank, Home Savings Bank, and Equitable Trust Company of Chicago were forced to close their doors of December 18, 1905, through his misappropriation of funds.

He was sentenced to five years in the Leavenworth penitentiary.

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WORK TO BE BEGUN ON 95 NEW HOUSES

Building Operations on Single Site to Reach \$617,500 Next Year.

Announcement was made today that work will be commenced the first of the year upon the operation of ninety-five houses to be constructed on the tract at Fourteenth and Buchanan streets northwest, with the view of having them completed within the coming year.

So far, sixteen houses, thirteen fronting on Buchanan street and three on Fourteenth street, are underway. While only half completed, eight of them have been sold.

The first houses to be started after New Year will consist of a row of eight, which will be located on the south side of Buchanan street, directly opposite the row now under construction.

As soon as this row has been started, ground will be broken for the commencement of work upon other sections of the operation, and the work will be continued until the entire operation has been finished.

The operation, it is estimated, will cost \$617,500. Harry Wardman is financing it. All of the houses were designed by Architect A. H. Beers. Shannon & Luchs are exclusive agents for the operation.

DR. JONNESCO GOES TO CHICAGO CLINIC PURCHASES SITE FOR A RESIDENCE

Roumanian Scientist and
Party Terminate Visit
To Washington.

Prof. Thomas Jonnesco and the members of his party, including George Sontag and Mile. Sontag, will leave Washington this afternoon at 3:40 o'clock, after three days of "rest" in the National Capital, for Chicago, where he will resume the demonstration of the new method of producing complete and safe anesthesia, which brought him to this country.

Dr. Jonnesco smiles when asked how he enjoyed his "rest" and looks appealingly toward Horace Knowles, former minister to Roumania, whose guest he has been. Ever since he arrived Dr. Jonnesco has been on the go, visiting every point of interest in Washington and calling on numerous distinguished men.

He states, however, that he has enjoyed his visit very much and that while he has not rested in the sense of remaining quietly at his hotel, he has had a change of scene and occupation that relieved the tension of the last two weeks.

Dr. Jonnesco has several clinics in Chicago and will go from there to Rochester, Minn., to the Mayo Sanatorium. Efforts are being made by the Jefferson Medical College to secure the attendance of Dr. Jonnesco at clinics which will be arranged for him when he returns from the West. He has made no decision in the matter as yet.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST LOAN SHARK EVIL

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occurs or a child dies and a man on a small salary gets behind. He has to have a loan of \$25 or \$50, and he ought to have it. As society is organized today, the loan is arranged for him only to him means terrible hardship or even ruin.

The reason why some other agency is not organized lies in the fact that such business cannot be carried on at a profit. The lowest rate at which money can be loaned in small amounts to the class of people I mean is 1 per cent per month. For any who want to help the needy, to charge 1 per cent a month would be to make themselves unprofitable.

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Mrs. Harriet Thompson Buys Lot on South Side Of Columbia Road.

Sales of houses and of vacant ground which is to be improved have been reported through the office of Thomas J. Fisher & Co., Inc.

For a consideration said to have been \$500, this firm has transferred to Mrs. Harriet I. Thompson a fifty-foot lot on the south side of Columbia road, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets. It is Mrs. Thompson's intention to erect a house on the lot which will be used as her residence.

Fisher & Co. has sold for John M. Henderson one of the new three-story colonial houses on Irving street, No. 163, which has a twenty-foot frontage and contains nine rooms and a bath. The owner, it is understood, intends to occupy the property.

J. H. Reinhart has sold to the Rev. John Chester, through Fisher & Co., the house at 132 O street northwest. The building contains six rooms and a bath, and will be improved, after which the Rev. Chester intends to occupy it.

APARTMENT HOUSE SOLD FOR \$14,000

Mrs. Susan Okie Buys the
Chester on Second Street
Northwest.

Constituting the second apartment house sale made by the same firm for the same owner in two successive weeks, the Chester apartment house, located at 420 Second street northwest, has been transferred for a consideration said to have been \$14,000.

The purchaser is Mrs. Susan Okie, the seller being Bates Warren. Stone & Fairfax made the deal.

Last week Stone & Fairfax sold for Bates Warren to James W. French the Mt. Pleasant apartment house, located at 3157 Mt. Pleasant street.

Mrs. Okie intends holding the Chester as an investment. The building is three stories high.

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Impressive Ceremonies Mark
Event at New Home of
the Lodge.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU,
ALEXANDRIA, VA., DEC. 18.

In the presence of a large crowd and with the impressive ceremonies of the order the officers of the Alexandria Lodge of Benevolent Protective Order of Elks this afternoon laid the cornerstone of their new home in Prince street near Royal street.

Short addresses were delivered by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Pickett, of Iowa; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Tennen, of Pennsylvania, and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Linder, of Richmond.

The ceremonies took place on a platform formed out of planks laid across the joists on the first floor of the building. The invocation was offered by the Rev. Edga Carpenter, rector of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, which was followed by the laying of the cornerstone by the officers of the lodge. The orchestra rendered music during the intervals.

The cornerstone was inscribed as follows: "Alexandria Lodge, No. 733, B. P. O. E., December 18th, 1909." On the end of the stone was "A. D. 1909."

Enclosed in a box which was placed in the stone were copies of the daily papers of today, some coins, and a list of the members of Alexandria Lodge.

The affair was quite informal, and the ceremonies were brief. Alexandria Washington Lodge and Andrew Jackson Lodge of Masons, of this city, and a delegation from Washington Lodge of Elks were present at the laying of the cornerstone.

The committee having the affair in charge are Howard W. Smith, chairman; R. S. Barrett, James W. Bales, H. Friedlander, and Thomas Chauncey.

Thieves last night attempted to force an entrance into the store of M. R. O'Sullivan & Co., at the corner of Patrick and Franklin streets, but were frightened off.

"The Death of Jesus" will be the subject of the sermon by the Rev. W. F. Watson, at the First Baptist Church, tomorrow morning. Tomorrow evening memorial services will be held at this church.

Funeral services for Harry A. Jones, who died at his home, 321 Thirtieth street, at the First Baptist Church, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. The body will be brought to this city, and the burial will be made in Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Ida Nagel has bought from William W. Counce, of Washington, a two-story frame dwelling, 337 South Patrick street.

Miss Frankie Adams, a student of Powhatan College, has returned home to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Judge William H. De Lacy, of the Juvenile Court of Washington, will tomorrow afternoon deliver an address at the Young People's building, in Washington, D. C., the subject of his address will be "Methods of the Juvenile Court in dealing with young offenders." Mrs. Walter L. Thompson will sing a solo.

WILL GIVE A LOT FOR NEW STATION

The Commissioners have under consideration the offer of James S. Rhode, president of the Grove Park Company, to donate a lot in the vicinity of Rhode Island avenue and Sixteenth street northeast, for a police station, provided an appropriation can be obtained and the building erected this year.

The location of the property is about one and a half miles from the District line, and midway between the Ninth and Tenth precincts.

PENSION GRANTED TO MRS. M. A. KEMP

The Commissioners have approved the recommendation of Major Sylvester and the police committee that Mrs. Mary A. Kemp, widow of Private W. J. Kemp be given a pension of \$5 a month during widowhood, and that her sons, Raymond and Francis E. Kemp, be pensioned at the rate of \$10 each a month until sixteen years old.

NEW HOUSE SOLD.

The new ten-room, three-story residence at 3511 Fourteenth street northwest, has been sold through Shannon & Luchs to Miss H. H. Latham for a consideration of \$7,500. The house is one of a row of eight being completed by Harry Wardman.

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H. R. Howenstein, of the H. R. Howenstein Company, has just completed a row of colonial brick flats on Calian street northeast, located from 635 to 641, inclusive, practically all of which have been rented. The buildings are twenty feet wide, each containing two apartments.

It was announced at the offices of the Howenstein Company today that, of the fifteen houses constructed recently on Euclid street northwest from 1220 to 1232, inclusive, nine have been sold. Nearly all of the purchasers are Government employees.

The houses contain nine rooms and two baths each and are lighted by electricity. They are of colonial design, and are equipped with double rear porches.

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